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SUBJ: SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CONVICTION OF PROMINENT LITERARY  
FIGURES

1. ON JULY 27 SUPREME COURT UPHELD CONVICTIONS OF NOVELIST  
YI HO-CHOL AND LITERARY CRITICS IM HON-YONG, KIM U-CHONG  
AND CHANG PYONG-HUI FOR VIOLATION OF ANTI-COMMUNIST AND  
NATIONAL SECURITY LAWS. DEFENDANTS WELL KNOWN IN LITERARY  
CIRCLES AND HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN CRITICISM OF ROKG IN PERIOD  
1972-73. CONVICTIONS BASED ON DEFENDANTS HAVING PERMITTED  
PUBLICATION OF SOME OF THEIR WORK IN KOREAN MAGAZINE PUBLISHED  
IN JAPAN ALLEGEDLY WITH DPRK SUPPORT.

2. ORIGINAL TRIAL TOOK PLACE FROM MARCH 12 TO JUNE 28, 1974.  
DEFENDANTS NOT IN PRISON BUT EVIDENTLY PURSUED APPEALS TO  
CLEAR PERSONAL RECORDS OF CONVICTIONS. SUPREME COURT DECISION  
WILL NOT AFFECT THEIR STATUS AND ALL DEFENDANTS WILL CONTINUE  
AT LIBERTY, THREE OF THEM, HOWEVER, ON PROBATION. SENTENCES  
AS UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT WERE: YI HO-CHOL--ONE AND ONE HALF  
YEARS IMPRISONMENT, TWO YEARS SUSPENSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND  
THREE YEARS PROBATION; IM HON-YONG--ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT,  
ONE YEAR SUSPENSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND  
TWO YEARS PROBATION; KIM U-CHONG--ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT,  
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ONE YEAR SUSPENSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND TWO YEARS PROBATION;

CHANG PYONG-HUI--ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT.

3. EMBASSY UNABLE REFERENCE PREVIOUS REPORTING ON THIS CASE  
AS 1974 FILES HAVE BEEN RETIRED.

4. COMMENT: SUPREME COURT DECISION WAS EXPECTED AND IS NOT  
LIKELY TO GENERATE NEW PUBLIC INTEREST IN THIS CASE.  
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